

Abstract

Thesis title: Registered partnership

This diploma thesis addresses the subject of registered partnership. This theme is currently very topical even though the Registered Partnership Act was adopted ten years ago, especially the rights and obligations of registered partners are widely discussed.

This thesis describes the process that preceded the incorporation of the institution of registered partnership into the legislation of the Czech Republic. Since the institution of registered partnership is assigned to homosexuals, this thesis also outlines the evolution of the perception of homosexuality.

The main part of this thesis is dedicated to the current legislation of the Czech Republic. In spite of the fact that the vast majority of society tolerates homosexuality and nowadays homosexuality is considered as sexual orientation which is equivalent to heterosexual orientation, it is obvious that same sex couples are still don't have the same amount of rights as couples heterosexual. The first hint of this inequality of registered partners and spouses is the fact that although the new civil code recodifies the civil law, it does not include the institution of registered partnership which is thus regulated separately. Furthermore the rights guaranteed to the registered partners and their obligations are not equal to the rights and obligations of spouses.

Even though this thesis compares the legal regulation of marriage and registered partnership, it does not assess it, the author only aims to describe and analyze the legal regulation of registered partnership.

The last part of this thesis deals with the most problematic issue of the rights of registered partners in the Czech Republic which is the issue of gay and lesbian parenting. The author believes that registered partners will be guaranteed more rights in future and they will be allowed to adopt children.